

Local News.

See the town laws.

Nearly every body is running short of fuel.

Sidewalks low run to all the churches in town.

Both River has been on the rampage for some days past.

This is about the time of year to expect a good crop of mud.

Tom Wingfield has taken leave of Vinita, and gone to Columbus, Kan.

The Chertalk office has turned out some splendid job work in the last two weeks.

Read the new town ordinances, and obtain a knowledge of your duties to "fellow humans."

Prof. Candall made an unexpected trip to St. Louis last Friday. Sickiness in his family was the cause. He returned on Tuesday.

The Bible commands us to walk soberly. If a man tries to walk so soberly, he will have to walk soberly if he walks at all.

A steer took up quarters alongside the blacksmith shop opposite Fields' store, Monday night, and calmly shuffled off his mortal coil during the hours of darkness.

Charley Robinson made a business trip to Missouri last week, and was an unwilling sojourner there a day or two longer than he wished. Failure in railroad connections caused the trouble.

It is rumored that the superintendent of Adams Express Company has been petitioned by parties in Vinita to remove all married agents running into this place, and fill the vacancies with bachelors.

The pond north of town, near the M. & T. stockyards, is discharging a young river into the fanning waters of the creek east of town, whose current on Tuesday washed the lower timbers of the bridge on the "Frisco" road.

J. T. Cunningham has been appointed deputy clerk for Delaware District. This appointment is a great convenience to people of Vinita and vicinity, as business with the clerk of that district can now be attended to nearer home.

Make preparations for planting trees in early spring. A few nice trees in your yard and a coat of paint, or even whitewash, on your fence and house, will wonderfully improve the appearance of your premises, besides adding greatly to their value.

Married—On Feb. 6th, by Rev. J. H. K. Postell, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. Ed. Lundy of Horse Creek and Miss Josephine Baileton of Vinita. Many friends of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony, to whom was served up a bountiful collation.

Mr. R. F. Browning, in a true spirit of benevolence, having the public good at heart, has plowed up the street running past his residence in such a manner that it is now completely drained, and will in a short time be one of the most preferable thoroughfares in or about town.

If M. France & Co., the druggists, do not succeed, it is not for want of faith. They have such faith in Dr. Bosanko's cough and lung syrup, as a remedy for coughs, colds, consumption and lung affections that they will give a bottle free to each and every one who is in need of a medicine of this kind.

Mayor Trott is comfortably ensconced in his new office at the lumber yard. In referring to this matter several weeks since, we became the victims of misplaced confidence, but this time it's a dead sure thing, for we saw His Honor kindling a fire in the ranch store a few mornings ago. A key's watch will hereafter be kept on our coal pile.

The "eldest inhabitant" cannot recollect experiencing such a long-continued spell of bad weather. Indeed, should any one have sufficient temerity to recount the particulars of anything in this line claiming to exceed in after and unqualified "cussedness," the meteorological inflection experienced during the past month, his reputation for veracity would be eternally ruined.

A friend, writing from Tahlequah, I. T., is pleased to give us a word of encouragement: "Send me a copy of the Chertalk. I do think you are making an excellent paper—in fact, there is nothing to compare with it in the Territory in the way of a newspaper. The stand it has taken in speaking in plain and unmistakable, but respectful language, about affairs in general, is to be admired, and is admired by our people."

Water expands greatly as it freezes, so that when the wet ground freezes, all the hard work is broken up by the ice forming in them. The freezing this winter has been deeper than common, and as it thaws out, the soil is thoroughly loosened and softened several inches deep. This makes the mud worse, but prepares the way for an abundant seed growth in the spring.

Preacher has various methods of compelling the people to obey the teachings of the Bible. The latest device used in Vinita is to build sidewalks in such a way that all who use them must follow the Solomon's command in the 4th chapter of Proverbs, 25th and 26th; also the teaching of the Apostle Paul given in his first epistle to the Corinthians, 10th chapter, 12th verse.

Mr. T. F. Wasson, a prominent citizen of Choteau, Kansas, spent several days in Vinita last week. While here, Mr. Wasson encouraged the Chertalk financially to the amount of \$1.50. On a visit to this office with H. H. Trott, the additional weight of the two genial gentlemen (which is something over 500 pounds) failed to go through the door of our press-room, containing an 1800 lb. press, which was evidence to witnesses present that the Chertalk is on a solid foundation.

A SICK CHILD FOR PILLS.—The first symptom of illness is an intense itching at night after getting warm. This unpleasant sensation is immediately relieved by an application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy. Piles in all its forms (itch, salt rheum and ringworm) can be permanently cured by the use of this great remedy. Price 50 cents. Manufactured by the Dr. Bosanko Medicine Co., Figus, O. Sold by M. France & Co.

Will Chamberlin took a trip to Neosho, Mo. the early part of the week.

Work is progressing on the Congregational church this week.

At latest report the Arkansas River had risen 18 inches in 24 hours, with good prospects for a much greater and more rapid rise later.

Mrs. Mollie McDonald wife of Isaac McDonald, residing seven miles south of Vinita, died Tuesday, Feb. 5th, of consumption, aged 23 years.

In consequence of the rain and sleet coating the rails with ice, trains on both the roads were considerably behind time on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Samuel Davis, son of our esteemed townsman, Dr. Davis, has arrived from California. We have not yet learned whether he intends locating permanently amongst us.

From a private letter we learn that Rev. Henry Ward, who left Vinita in January, has arrived at his destination, the Norwegian mission on the Island of St. Thomas, West Indies.

Will Ward has accepted the position in Chamberlin's store recently vacated by Mr. Lincoln, and hands out the candy and cigars with an ease and grace only acquired by long familiarity with such commodities.

Mingo Creek, swelled into a torrent by heavy rains, overflowed its banks, and besides doing any amount of other damage, washed some of the boats out from under the water tank near Mingo Station on the M. & T.

The match game of base ball which was to have taken place on the Academy grounds last Saturday, between a schoolboy nine and a team picked from among the young men about town, has been indefinitely postponed.

Maj. St. Clair of the Railway Mail Service on the "Frisco" road, running between Pease City, Mo., and Vinita, I. T., is lying seriously ill at his residence in the former place. The Major has hosts of friends here, who unite in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The postoffice at Vinita has been, for the past few days, in charge of Miss Mamie Ross, deputy P. M., who has proved herself fully equal to the responsibility by discharging the duties incumbent upon the position to the entire satisfaction of the community.

John Florio of the Osage Nation was in Coffeyville a few days last week. John has recently sold out his business as trader at the Agency, and will hereafter devote all his time and attention to stock raising, he having leased a large part of the Osage country for that purpose. (Coffeyville Journal.)

We have just received a large assortment of cattle cuts, and are in better shape than ever to publish brands. We also have cuts of all the brands in the last brand book of the Cherokee Stockmen's Association. Give us the word, gentlemen, and we will let the people know what your brand is.

Mr. S. T. Lincoln, one of Vinita's young society gentlemen, and by the way, a great favorite with the fair sex, has resigned his position at Chamberlin's postoffice stand, and is now engaged in deciding what line of business to follow in the future. It is to be hoped he will remain among us, for it would be hard to find an equally able young gentleman to fill his place in social circles.

An accident occurred a few days ago, on the "Frisco" road, near Newburg, Mo., which resulted in the death of freight conductor Gus Eckstorm, a gentleman quite well known in this community. He was caught between two cabooses and crushed to death while in the act of coupling them. A strange coincidence is the fact that a brother of Mr. Eckstorm met death in the same manner, on the same day, at Kansas City.

Lon Greenway has finally concluded to give up roller skating, and therefore disposed of the treacherous authors of many a hard tumble. They have fallen into the hands of Sam. Ridenour, Esq., who will prove a worthy successor to Lon's honors, and may be converted into an angel sooner than he had hoped for, if he continues to wipe up the floor of the rink with the back of his head.

A clerk in one of our principal mercantile establishments is dieting himself on pickles and salt, the pickles to counteract the almost angelic sweetness of his disposition, and, in conjunction with the salt, produce an inexhaustible fund of dry humor. We'd like to tell on him, but he is too good a fellow to give away, and pickles and salt are not very valuable, so his employer is not much out of pocket on the experiment.

We begin the publication this week, of a collection of Cherokee antiquities made by Dr. Brittrich, a missionary of the American Board, in the year 1822, over sixty years ago. We publish them just as he left them, and intend gathering them up with all other of similar kind, into a pamphlet. We repeat our request that all who know anything on these topics prepare it for the Chertalk.

The meetings still continue. During this week they are in the Methodist church. The weather has been disheartening, but with the overwhelming influences to worldliness and pleasure, which drown all thoughts of God and eternity, the Christians of Vinita feel that they cannot do otherwise than go on with the meetings. As the Congregational church is closed for repairs, the meetings will continue in the Presbyterian church next week.

At the meeting held last week with a view to the erection of a new public school building in Vinita, some important business was transacted. It was decided to push the matter to a successful issue, if possible, and various committees appointed to solicit subscriptions, draw plans, make specifications, etc. The building proposed is to be 30x50 feet, two stories in height, with hip roof. The lower floor is to be divided into three rooms only, thus securing ample accommodations for large classes. The upper floor will be used as a public hall, and a very fine one it will be. These plans are, as a matter of course, subject to modification, not being matured. The building committee are hard at work, and will probably hand in a report at the meeting this (Thursday) evening, when some definite action will no doubt be taken. A new and more commodious school building in Vinita is a positive necessity, and everybody should help the present movement along to the utmost of their ability.

John Goodykootz, Esq., of Neosho, was in town this week.

We call attention to our new Seneca ads. They are all of reliable parties.

The terrible weather, bad roads and high water make business very dull this week.

Rev. Mr. Shapard, presiding elder of the M. E. Church in this district, preached Sunday and during the week.

Read the advertisement of Wm. Little & Co. on our first page. They make a specialty of feed, and are one of the strongest and most reliable houses in the country.

The mud and slush on Monday and Tuesday were much colder than commonly supposed. No one could walk in it without rubbers without exposing themselves to pneumonia.

The City Council must mean something judging from the number of blank subpoenas they had printed at this office this week, to serve on delinquent taxpayers of Downingville.

They are building a new schoolhouse on Horse Creek, in James A. Duncan's neighborhood. Will Trott, the Vinita humberman, gave them \$10. There is no item here we are more glad to chronicle.

A promising literary society has been organized among the students of Worcester Academy. It is called the Worcester Literary Society. They intend getting their constitution and by-laws printed in pamphlet form.

There are now eight grocery stores in Vinita, besides six or seven stores which carry groceries along with other goods—fifteen stores in all, where you can get something to eat. There are either getting to be lots of people here, or we eat enormously.

Mr. F. M. Crowell of Solgachiev, Ark., passed through town one day last week, stopping long enough to place his name on our subscription list. He was in search of a suitable location to start a cattle ranch, and possibly open a mercantile establishment.

Morris Sorrells, colored barber at Tulsa, was arrested on Jan. 10th, by Deputy Marshal Marks, and turned over to Deputy U. S. Marshal Simpson of Topeka, Kansas, to await his trial at the May term of court, to answer to an old charge of retailing liquor in Kansas without a government license.

Look at the advertisement of Thompson & Skinner, and then go to see their stock. They have started out right, by letting the people know, through the Chertalk, where they are, and what they have, instead of waiting for people to find it out. The result is, they have had a large run of business from the start.

Col. William P. Ross, Senior Editor of the CHERTALK is absent at Ft. Gibson this week. The Junior Editor, Rev. J. W. Rogers, is at work on his church, and the business manager has gone west. So this week's paper is gotten up mainly by the foreman and the devil—the printer's devil, we mean—who take liberties which the grave and revered editor might not approve of. "When the cat's away the mice will play."

We had intended to give, this week, an account of the origin of St. Valentine's Day, for the benefit of our young friends who take advantage of this day to tell their distresses, but we will have space for but a few words. The original of St. Valentine's Day was the "Lupercalia" of the Romans. During the latter years of Rome, all moral restraints were removed, as if we want them to be now, the Lupercalia became a scene of the most abandoned wickedness the world ever saw. Afterwards the Catholic missionaries abolished the wicked part of it, changed the name to St. Valentine's Day, in honor of a good-natured saint, and made it a sort of "lower's day." Of late years the day has been degraded by the sending of disgusting and insulting pictures, such as no decent person would send, or wise one open and read. In this way we are degrading the day almost as badly as the Romans did.

That Skating Rink. Vinita is now in possession of a skating rink. But few people here know what was lacking to make Vinita prosperous and happy, but now know it was a rink. The wisest members of Vinita society perceive the great benefits derived from the institution, and are enthusiastic in their praise of the originators of a scheme which has added so much amusement and instruction to this overworked community. Some have not yet learned to skate on rollers, but the graceful motions of others who, but a short time ago, were unable to propel themselves with safety with rollers on, causes the uninitiated to long for a knowledge of the gliding art.

Importance of Time. Begin now! Make an effort! Every woman, or young lady, intends to make an effort, they say. She's going to do wonders! "Just wait!" says she, confident in her own good intentions and abilities. "I'll show you, some day!" Show us now, ladies! Show us now! Now is the time! You'll never have a better. We can't wait! We are anxious to see you begin. Let us at once see you animated by the practical purpose of doing—not by the dream of doing—and then we will cheer up your future for you. Make an effort, or, if you fail the first time, or a hundred times—that's no matter. Stick to it! The result is inevitable. It is only those who back out who come to grief. I am one of them. BACVETTE.

Tracks Under Water. The M. & T. track some 20 miles south of this point, was flooded for a distance of four miles, last Tuesday, and as a consequence, no trains came in from the south. The exact amount of damage done the road-bed cannot be ascertained until the flood subsides, but it is feared that portions of the track have been washed out. The telegraph wires are prostrated, and no news can be had from points south.

The "Frisco" road is also under water at several points, both east and west, the flooding being caused principally by the obstructed in of culverts, or their incapacity to carry off the immense volume of water which fell during the 48 hours' rain.

Trains have been seriously delayed on both roads, and numbers of south-bound passengers were compelled to lie over and await the resumption of travel. Some pic-nickers in the depots, for want of better quarters.

A runaway team on our streets, yesterday, after cutting a small circle, brought up in front of G. W. Nelms' store, minus the wagon.

The Chillicothe Indian School. The Arkansas City (Kan.) Democrat, of the 29th ult., contains a highly interesting account of the new Indian school, from which we call as follows:

The Chillicothe Industrial Indian School is located on the state line in the Indian Territory, five and one-half miles south-southwest from Arkansas City, on or near Chillicothe creek. There is a tract of 1,200 acres of very fertile land attached to this school. The land for miles around is generally undulating, and the school building is located on an eminence gently sloping in all directions, making the site dry and healthy. The view from the school building is magnificent. To the north you behold farm buildings, cultivated fields, orchards, school houses, and all that pertains to civilized life; to the west and south the gently rolling prairie as far as the eye can reach, while the meandering Chillicothe to the east, fringed with timber, breaks the monotony of the scene and renders the view charming. The school building is made of limestone, the main building being 36x76, with two wings 20x55, four stories high, with ell 28x38, three stories high, containing 47 rooms. The north wing contains the girls' dormitory, wash room, play and amusement room, and hospital and nurse rooms. The south wing contains the boys' dormitory, play and amusement, hospital and nurse rooms. The dormitories contain beds to accommodate 180 children; the bedsteads are of iron, with steel wire spring mattresses, the whole being very light, durable, and easy to keep clean. One of the large center rooms is occupied by the seamstress who teaches the girls the art of sewing, and where the clothing is made and repaired for the scholars, and one is used as a general office. The other central rooms are occupied by the local superintendent, teachers and other employees in and about the school. The ell contains a dining room sufficient to accommodate all the children, with a kitchen attached, supplied with a cooking range, boilers, ovens, and all cooking utensils of the latest patterns, sufficient to prepare food for all the children. This room is under the charge of experienced cooks, assisted by Indian girls. The assembly room is about 25x50, with recitation rooms—also in the ell. A laundry and bath rooms together with work-shops, are to be erected the coming summer. The building is admirably planned for safety, comfort and convenience, three independent flights of stairs running from the top to the bottom of the building, rendering escape in case of fire easy and safe. When our party arrived at the school we found about 15 children seated in the assembly room. Those present were Cheyennes, Wichitas, Comanches, Kaws and Caddos, and from other tribes in the southwest. Those from the south had not yet arrived. Several of the chiefs of the different tribes were present, and took part in the opening ceremonies. The children were from six to twenty years of age, but the majority were between the ages of ten and fifteen. Nearly all had attended school at the different agencies.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Vinita Fair Association the first Monday in March, 1884, for the purpose of naming time of next fair, and arranging a premium list. By order of R. W. LINDSEY, President. A. P. GOODYKOOTZ, Sec.

Special Notice.

Grand Army of the Republic.—All members of Cabin Creek Post No. 1, G. A. R. are requested to meet at their hall Friday, Feb. 15th, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Important business. C. E. JONSON, P. C. F. A. LUCE, Adjutant.

For nice and neat new goods go to Thompson & Co's.

Buy fruits, vegetables and feed at S. A. Bluejacket's.

Permits for white labor in Coacawessee District can be procured at W. L. Trott's office Vinita.

A. C. Raymond & Co. sell hardware cheap in all kinds of weather.

Rain Monday, high waters Tuesday and hardware & stoves selling very cheap at A. C. Raymond & Co's any day.

W. C. Patton & Co. have just removed into their new store, where they are prepared to give better satisfaction to their customers than ever before. Come and see us, and look through our establishment.

Get ready for a Grand Ball at Raymond's hall, Feb. 22d, 1884.

Baby wagons in many styles at Gus Heck's, Seneca, Mo.

S. A. Bluejacket is selling best coffee, sugars and teas in the market.

For facts and fancies, fine fruits, fresh fish go to Thompson & Co's.

Pure wines and brandies for medicinal purposes at W. H. Mitchell's, Seneca, Mo.

Turkeys, turkeys, turkeys must die for the supper Feb. 22d, 1884—the G. A. R. boys are after them.

A full line of Brown's Cultivators, which are recognized as second to none, at McGannon & Bros', in Seneca, Mo.

For butter, beans and baking powder and the best coffee at bottom prices go to Thompson & Co's.

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Don't forget that S. A. Bluejacket sells best groceries at lowest prices.

Harrows and Corn Planters for the million at McGannon & Bros', Seneca, Mo.

No use to go to St. Louis to buy goods in a five store now. W. C. Patton & Co. have as good goods and as fine a store as can be found anywhere.

Should you stand in need of a new harness or saddle, go to McGannon & Bros', Seneca, Mo.

Stoves and Tinware, Iron and Hardware, Farm Machinery and Harness, Clocks, etc., are what McGannon & Bros', Seneca, Mo., will give bargains in.

W. C. Patton & Co. now have the finest store in the Indian Territory. Go see it and examine their stock.

McGannon & Bros', Seneca, Mo., headquarters for Plows of all kinds—call on them.

Buy drugs, toys, notions, gold and silver watches at W. H. Mitchell's, Seneca, Mo.

Finest perfumeries and toilet goods in the market at W. H. Mitchell's, Seneca, Mo.

The G. A. R. Fair at Raymonds Hall promises to be a grand success, and is free to all, come one, come all.

Three to four dozen pair of hand made boots always on hand at C. F. Luke's, Seneca, Mo.

If you want to buy hardware, farm machinery or saddlery, examine the immense stock at McGannon Bros', Seneca, Mo.

Go to Lewis for gloves, he is selling them very low—don't want to carry over.

1884, starts in radiantly at Grayville, caused principally by the beaming countenance of Hicks. Go and see him, he smiles free until 1885.

Go! Go! Go! to Grayville.

Go to Lewis for clothing. Bound to sell.

Harness and saddles, cheaper than the cheapest at Lewis.

Call on Lewis and receive checks for 365 happy days during 1884.

Now is the time to send in your orders, or come in person, to the Muskogee Nursery, if you want any of those fine fruit trees. They will all be closed out during the open weather in February and March.

Go to T. F. Thomp son & Co's for the boss flour—"Queen Bee."

Beautiful sets of jewelry very cheap at W. H. Mitchell's, Seneca, Mo.

Gus Heck, at Seneca, Mo., keeps constantly on hand the best selected stock of Furniture and burial cases in the southwest.

It takes a fine stock of goods to stand comparison to such a fine store building as that of W. C. Patton & Co., but their stock outshines itself in their new quarters. Go and examine goods.

There is no question but the Muskogee Nursery has the best lot of two-year old apple trees for sale during February and March, at \$15 per 100, ever seen in the Territory. Those who miss this chance will not be likely to get another equally good very soon.

Dress Making.

Mrs. Luce, at Mrs. Thomas Bluejacket's, is prepared to do all kinds of dressmaking at short notice. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Children's clothing cut and made to order. Shop up stairs in the old rock building.

House and Lot For Sale.

A good dwelling house, situated in a desirable locality. House contains four rooms and cellar. Corner lot 150x100 feet; good well and out buildings. For particulars apply to G. W. Emerson, Vinita, I. T.

If any person hearing of cattle branded as above will let me know, either by mail or otherwise, they will confer a favor; and if they will put them in a stalk field and feed them until sent for, I will pay for trouble, etc.

W. G. NELMS.

For Sale.

Three town lots in Vinita, one with good houses, etc., the other two lots unimproved. Also, a well improved ranch on Little Cabin Creek, six miles from Vinita. For further information call on Mr. Smith at Vinita, or the undersigned at the above ranch.

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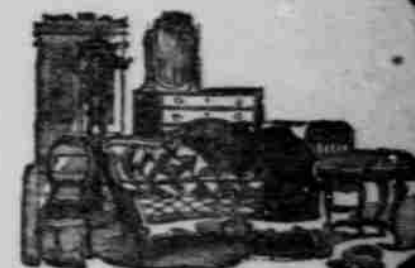
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